



Mountainville Academy

Board Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2023

Notice is hereby given that the Mountainville Academy Board of Trustees will hold a Board Meeting and Executive Session at 195 S Main Street, Alpine, UT on Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

BOARD MEETING – In attendance - Janese Vance, Nate Adams, Wayne Sleight, Stephanie Cotton-Betteridge, Tanya College, Jack Garzella,, Mikelle, Kevin Anglesey, Paxton Gray

Kevin Anglesey – 7:10pm

Excused – Marisa Skousen, Kari Barney

1. WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER – Wayne to order at 7pm

1. Reverent Remarks
2. Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC COMMENT – In attendance: Ryan Taylor, Todd Musicant, Jennifer Wadsworth, Wes Funk, Tobin Peterson

Public Comment is time for the public to give input to the board but is not a discussion time. Comments are limited to 1-2 minutes per individual. Individuals wishing to make a longer presentation to the board may request placement on the agenda by contacting the board secretary or chairman. Administrative items, those regarding the day-to-day operation of the school, may be referred to the school director for resolution. Individuals who have previously met with the school director and still have concerns should feel free to participate in the public comment portion of the meeting.

Wes Funk – commented on the school’s early focus on patriotic heritage. He proposed an academic contest project to pay tribute to that heritage. The project would be a competition and fundraising effort geared towards increasing individualized learning through an appreciation of heritages and cultures and to purchase fine art prints for the school’s patriotic wall. Wes and his wife would donate \$1000 to help fund the project where 6th grade students will compete for a \$500, \$300, or \$200 prize. This project would be best match with the academic excellence committee and development committees.

Todd Musicant - Carlisle House – Todd introduced himself. He’s been working with Alpine City as a town expert. He has been on the City’s historic building committee and would like to advocate for the preservation of the Carlisle House. Todd mentioned that all five members of the city council really want to preserve the house as a historic building in Alpine. Todd also mentioned two other buildings that seem to be epicenters of the community, Oasis Snow Cone, and Burgess Orchard, two commercial buildings which, however, are clear psychological anchors in the Alpine community. To that effect, he would like to offer his help with any preservation or restoration efforts the school might consider for the house.

Jennifer Wadsworth - Jennifer introduced herself as a former schoolteacher. She mentioned that she is also working on the same preservation project on behalf of some of the Carlisle Family. She has been working with the Utah State Preservation Society to include the house on the National Register of Historic Places. Jennifer pointed out that the

house was the first one built outside the Alpine Fort, and it is the only house from that time period still standing. That is why she would like to offer her support to possibly preserving the structure.

3. BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT – Nate – met as an audit committee answer question about the school's bottom line for next year with the middle school number of students removed from the budget. They spend time discussing Marissa's question of what the school needs to do next year in order to have a similar bottom line as this year. Basically, enrollment needs to stay at 700 students to stay profitable. To reach this number, the school will need to add more classroom per grades, especially 4th, 5th, and 6th grade. Nate continued to discuss the current operating budget. He also discussed insurance benefits which jumped as high as 60% this year versus the usual gradual 5% jump yearly. The insurance company's representative, Ryan Taylor, was in attendance.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes 10.26. 2023 - Wayne moved we accept the minutes from the 10.26. 2023 meeting as presented. Jack seconded.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Wayne	None
Tanya	
Kevin	
Jack	
Mikelle	
Stephanie	
Paxton	

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Board Training - None
- B. Director's Report – Halloween event went well. LED attendance was around 85%. Students' attendance is a concern. According to the latest report, the school only achieved 67% attendance, which is below the state average. Janese will be looking into this issue to figure out the low numbers as it doesn't seem like students are missing classes nor being checked out of school.
- C. Committee Reports
 - i. Executive – met and discussed the upcoming agenda and the future of the Vision Committee
 - ii. Academic Excellence – met with a few math teachers to discuss the math curriculum or any concerns they might have about it. All the teachers present at the meeting mentioned they love the current curriculum, Eureka. One of the teachers conducted a mini survey with other teachers at the school and everyone expressed how much they love it.
 - iii. Finance – met to review the audit report from Nate. Potential property acquisition that came along last month is no longer available. The City purchased the adjoining property in question. Still finalizing the acquisition of new audio equipment. Financial reports look good and clean. PTIF- discussed opening a High-Interest Account due to high interest rates. Still only will earn 4.5% interest.
 - iv. Development – Fundraising with Zupas. The local restaurant was understaffed so did not go well. Received \$350 from Zupas. Last month we made \$450 from Café Rio. The next fundraiser would have been with Cookie Co., but they shut down. Wayne will look into Swig to replace the fundraiser for Cookie Co. Janese is lining up the Evil People to come visit the school for Star Wars days.
 - v. Governance – met and discussed an after-school incident at Legacy Park. Tobin had info about incidents at the park after school. Concerning off campus speech. Tanya looked into the school's policy to determine the school's authority to control after-school activities going on outside of the school's premise and – the school's authority governing off campus speech when students are involved. Both concerns do not seem to fall under the purview of the school but under the individual parent's authority. Also discussed Bullying policy 3202. Next month the committee with discuss compliance review about data, cyber security for the next FERPA policy - information on procedure on review and amendment of records.
 - vi. Technology – did not meet
 - vii. FSO

viii. Vision –Special Committee – will vote on making the vision part of the development next month

Wes – Met with PEAK Center in Pleasant Grove to get a more accurate feeling of where a similar facility would fit on the school’s property. There are three places on the currently existing property that it would fit. It would fit on the grass field. It would fit beside the school and last towards the backside of the school.

- D. Board Meeting Possible Day/Time Change to January 11th or 26th – 11th at 7.
- E. School Christmas/Holiday Bonus - \$300* 40 full time for teachers and 37 part time \$100
- F. December Board Holiday Dinner - Traverse Mountain at the Lodge from 6-8 Bring a plus one. Will need to give notice of the board party.
- G. MVA New Property Updates and Permits – Tobin – received a quote to demolish the house and came back at \$25000. The company will work with the city on permits, with the gas company, asbestos... He also talked to the fire department, and they would love to conduct training and teach about fire prevention, based on community involvement and safety. Will have to look into state risks and check with the school’s insurance prior to doing anything with the fire department.

Jack - the house cannot be put in the historical records because it has been rebuilt three times. Will take three times as much to bring to code. Cannot be moved. The city cannot force the school to preserve the site when they had the option to buy it and the family itself never put it on the historical registry. There were multiple previous owners, and they never took steps to register as an historical site.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. School Christmas/Holiday Bonus – Wayne moved we approve the \$300 School Christmas/Holiday Bonus for teachers - Paxton seconded

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Wayne	None
Tanya	
Kevin	
Jack	
Mikelle	
Stephanie s	
Paxton	

B. High-Interest Account - Kevin moved we approve to open a new High-Interest Account for the school - Jack seconded

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Wayne	None
Tanya	
Kevin	
Jack	
Mikelle	
Stephanie	
Paxton	

Kevin moved we approve a resolution allowing the school to open a High-Interest Account - Jack seconded.

<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Wayne	None
Tanya	
Kevin	
Jack	
Mikelle	
Stephanie	
Paxton	

C. Budget Authorization for Demolition – Wayne moved to approve a budget of up to \$30,000 to support the demolition of the house - Kevin seconded.

Ayes

Wayne
Kevin
Jack
Mikelle
Stephanie
Paxton

Nays

Tanya

CLOSED/EXECUTIVE SESSION – at 8:22 Wayne moved we do into a closed-session to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual in conformance with § 52-4-204 and 52-4-205 et. seq., Utah Code Ann.

Jack seconded. We invited Janese to attend the closed session. Excused Nate.

Ayes

Wayne
Tanya
Kevin
Jack
Mikelle
Stephanie
Paxton

Nays

None

The Board will consider a motion to close the meeting to hold a strategy session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation, and/or to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property, and/or the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual in conformance with § 52-4-204 and 52-4-205 et. seq., Utah Code Ann.

Move back into open session at 9:05 same members.

8. ACTION ITEMS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

9. ADJOURN – Jack adjourned the meeting at 9:05pm

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